

# **Washington State Association of County Engineers**

Summer Convention

June 23, 2004

## **WSACE Business Meeting Minutes**

Roll call was taken with 20 counties present, the minimum needed for a quorum.

1. Acting President's Report – Phil Merrell  
Welcome to the start of the 2004 Summer Convention.
2. Committee Report's – Phil Merrell
  - Handouts on 2004/2005 Committee Structure & Work Programs.
  - Transportation Standing Committee was created consisting of the President and President Elect as Chair and Co-Chair to work with the WSAC.
  - Committees were encouraged to modify their work plans and review their mission statements.
  - Professional Development annual training was discussed by Kent Cash. Proposed 1 ½ days on ethics and the remaining ½ day on topic to be developed. Joe Rutan from Whatcom County offered to help co-chair the committee.
  - Stormwater Committee report by Ross Dunfee, Benton County. Doe is working on draft Industrial and Construction permits.
  - Mike Daniels and Karen Pendleton presented centennials AD Hoc Committee report. Consultant is proposed for under \$10,000 to help develop program and to market/raise funds to finance the Centennial Celebration. This is an opportunity not only to present out 100 years of history but to also present our future goals. WSAC is also proposing a Centennial celebration , which we will be coordinating with.
3. Bill Vogler, Executive Director of the WSAC gave handouts of their action items, which related to the following points:
  - WSAC will be broke in five years without new members and associate members.
  - WSAC needs sponsors for future conferences.
  - It is proposed to drop next summer's conference.
  - There will still be the joint fall conference with the Washington Association of County Officials.
  - There will still be East and West meetings
  - They are working on cooperative programs for purchasing and insurance pools.
4. The budget was discussed and a motion approved for up to \$10,000 to come from the reserves to get started on the Centennial Celebration planning.
5. Les Olsen, Survey Supervisor, Pierce County presented a paper on "Current Issues in County Land Surveying." There are legislative issues on the extent of rights a County Engineer has in surveying for roads. There was discussion on believed right of an engineer to do surveying for a road route but not property corners. The Department of Natural Resources recently adopted requirements for surveying monument recording seems unclear regarding the definition of a monument. Motion was approved to form an Ad Hoc Committee to work with the Washington Council of County Surveyors (WCCS) to define/clarify legislative issues on surveying.

6. Cathy Sander presented and discussed handouts on “Film Facts About the Washington State Film Office.” This primarily involves use of county roads in filming commercials. This is a clean industry that leaves dollars in the local communities. There is a possibility of local agencies collecting location fees.
7. CRAB Report was handed out and presented.
  - Memorandum of Understanding with the Cities on transportation funding is being pursued.
  - Mobility training is available and normally being conducted as counties desire it particularly in conversion process to mobility. It is not required to convert to Mobility.
  - Draft Maintenance Management Standard of Good Practice is available for comment.
8. WSAC update was presented by Scott Merriman.
  - The permit accountability committee efforts seem to developing programmatic permits up to five years for such things as washing bridges and culvert replacement in non-fish bearing culverts.
  - There was discussion on corridor preservation and how this can be done to keep costs from increasing. There have been concerns that zoning changes have increased the cost of right of way needed for some road improvements.
  - Dirty/dirt is a term that used for contaminated soils and special handling and disposal requirements for ditch maintenance and road reconstruction efforts. It is anticipated that clarification on this issue may not occur for another year.
9. Highways and Local Programs Report was given by Stephanie **Tax**
  - Dave Mounts is back with HLP as operation engineer.
  - HLP is doing field reviews for bridge replacement funding.
  - Upcoming meetings on Design Standards and Local Agency Guidelines.
  - No STP reauthorization. Expect extension to at least the end of July. Concern expressed that if it isn’t resolved soon it may be extended until after the elections.